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APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR ANCHORING SUTURES

\_\_\_\_\_ the specification of which

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one)

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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